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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

REF: DEPT'S OM OF 2/6/74 AND HONG KONG'S OM OF 5/8/74

1. DEPT AND SSA APPRECIATE POST'S CONCURRENCE IN SUGGESTED ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES INVOLVING PERSONAL VISITS OF SSA BENEFICIARIES WITH SSA 7162 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

2. BEGINNING WITH JULY QUESTIONNAIRE MAILINGS ALL BENEFICIARIES SHOULD COME TO CONSULATE TO COMPLETE AND SIGN FORM IN PRESENCE OF FSL OR OFFICER: THIS INCLUDES WARDS OF REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ACCOUNTING OF TIME SPENT BY CONSULAR PERSONNEL MAKING OFF-SITE VISITS IN CONJUNCTIONS WITH QUESTIONNAIRES.

3 MODIFYING LIST OF ACCEPTABLE WITNESSES ON 7162'S SENT TO HONG KONG WOULD BE OPERATIONALLY UNFEASIBLE. SSA AND DEPT HAVE THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE INSERTED BY SSA IN HONG KONG BENEFICIARY ENVELOPES:

- - - IMPORTANT

"IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU COME IN PERSON TO THE U.S. CON-

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SULATE GENERAL HONG KONG TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AND

HAVE IT WITNESSED.

IF THE QUESTIONNAIRE REFERS TO BENEFITS YOU ARE RECEIVING
ON BEHALF OF A CHILD OR INCAPABLE ADULT, THEY SHOULD
ACCOMPANY YOU IF THEY ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL.

PLEASE BRING OFFICIAL IDENTITY DOCUMENTS WITH YOU WHEN YOU
COME IN. "

4. DEPT SOLICITS POST'S COMMENTS ON WORDING OF ABOVE
MESSAGE AND WHETHER BILINGUAL TRANSLATION SHOULD BE
PROVIDED. PLEASE REPLY ASAP.

5. SSA PLANS TO COMMENCE MAILING OF ALL QUESTIONNAIRES IN
SEALED ENVELOPES STARTING WITH JULY DISTRIBUTION. SISCO

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